

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 16.

We do not read anonymous letters and communications. The name and address of the writer are in all cases indispensable, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot moderate or return or preserve communications that are not used.

The next time England goes into the Sudan Gen. Middleton should go with her.

The line of Secretary Bayard's diplomacy seems to come no farther north than the old Mason and Dixon line.

The men who loved Cleveland for the services he has made him have for the appointments he has not made.

The survivors of the six days skating match in New York which closes tonight will have records to be proud of.

One of the most peculiar things about the charge of offensive partisanship as illustrated under the present day is that a man can be convicted without trial and dismissed without a chance of defence.

The Calais Times makes the astounding assertion that there has not been a single departure from the spirit of the Civil Service law during President Cleveland's administration.

We are glad to see our esteemed morning contemporary taking a calm, judicial view of things. We sincerely hope it will hold out. It's been a great year for reform in the Argus office.

Ex-Gov. Plafied is reported as saying that the fight among the Democrats over the Portland collectorship will have the effect of continuing the present collector in office. If that is to be the effect it can continue indefinitely with profit to the public service.

The Argus speaks about the "ancient falsehood of the Press about the marshal and the court." The Press has uttered no falsehood, ancient or modern, in regard to it. It has simply told the whole truth, while the Argus has indulged in very judicious selections.

S. Corning Judd is reported at Springfield, working hard for the election of a Democratic Senator. The postmaster at Chicago was recently removed on the ground that he was an "offensive partisan," and Mr. Judd appointed in his stead. How it reforms the civil service to remove one "offensive partisan" and replace him with another "offensive partisan" passes comprehension.

It was a very touching spectacle—that of the constituents of the Hon. "Sunset" Cox, headed by "Sunset" himself, waiting on the President and beseeching him with tears in their eyes not to tear Mr. Cox ruthlessly from their arms and send him to the court of the unpardonable Turk. The wonder is, how the President could withstand the plaintive appeal. Possibly Mr. Cox winked occasionally and thus gave the performance away.

Mr. Alexander J. Cameron who was recently appointed inspector of customs at Panama, and who, it is said, has since been revoked, writes to the New York Tribune that the story that he was in circulation that he was once in jail at Ellsworth for swindling a relative is a malicious falsehood. We are informed that Mr. Cameron's imprisonment was for a violation of the liquor law.

Postmaster General Vilas cautions Democrats not to recommend a candidate for office to further a mere personal end. The caution is entirely superfluous. No Democrat would think of doing such a thing. They are all working their best for the benefit of their country. They are a guileless lot, too, and wouldn't know how to go to work to further a personal end. Mr. Vilas is a good fellow.

Gen. Grant expects to complete his history within a month. It will be published in two volumes of about 500 pages each under the title of "The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant." The period covered extends from the childhood days of the author down to the time of the grand review of the Federal armies in Washington at the close of the war. The work will have an extensive sale at home and abroad because it treats of a remarkable period in history, because it is in itself a remarkable book and because its author is himself a remarkable man.

The Postmaster General's Circular. Postmaster General Vilas's circular specifying the acts which will constitute a Republican office holder an "offensive partisan" within the meaning of that phrase as used in President Cleveland's civil service reform letter, was marked confidential and sent exclusively to Democratic congressmen. Moreover, by the terms of the circular, the affirmation by a Democratic congressman that an officeholder had been guilty of one of the acts specified is to be accepted as conclusive proof by the Postmaster General that he is an "offensive partisan" and therefore a fit subject for the official axe.

The practical effect of this circular will be to commit the work of purifying the public service, as far as the post offices are concerned, to Democratic congressmen. Now the friends of civil service reform have always contended that the very worst distributors of patronage were members of congress. They have strenuously urged that senators and representatives would, as a rule, use the offices to reward the "workers" and that in their selections fitness would be a consideration secondary to zeal at the caucuses or the polls. This confidential circular of Mr. Vilas can hardly fail, therefore, to produce upon those of the civil service reformers who voted for Mr. Cleveland under the impression that by so doing they were advancing the cause of civil service reform, a very depressing effect. They have been called frequently to mourn over isolated appointments since the 4th of March, which fell below the standard which they had set for the President, but they have consoled themselves somewhat by attributing these bad appointments to the pernicious influence of designing congressmen who had deceived the President. The administration, they said, was striving to live up to the spirit of civil service reform. Its mistakes were of the heart and not of the head. But the mistake of the Postmaster General is evidently of the heart. The attempt he made to keep his circular secret by marking it confidential shows plainly enough that he considered it a little "off color." Had his purpose been simply to defend the meaning of "offensive partisan," he would not have marked it confidential and sought to restrict its circulation to Democratic congressmen. But the assumption which we have no doubt is the fact, that this circular was issued to appease the wrath of Democratic congressmen who had grown angry at the slowness of the administration in cleaning out the offices, the pains taken to keep it secret are easily explained. The Postmaster General knew well enough that the programme disclosed in the circular would displease the Mugwumps who were supporting the administration because they believed that it was to be guided by the principles of civil service reform. If it could be kept secret, the Democrats could be appeased and the danger of affronting the Mugwumps avoided. Anxious as the Mugwumps are to jockey for the spoils of the administration, they do not believe they will be able to swallow more such issues from the spirit of civil service reform as this circular. Sooner or later the administration must either itself throw off the hypocritical mask it is now wearing or suffer it to be torn off. It cannot serve the Democrats and Mugwumps—the spoilsman and the civil service reformer—at the same time.

Current Comment.

THE PROCESS IS A SECRET.
N. Y. Graphic.

The motto of the Audubon country (La. Sentinel) is "Fear God, tell the truth and make money."

A CHALLENGER FOR THE HEAVY WEIGHTS. Ben Barker in the Fairfield Journal.

The Boothby Register contains a long account of the mauling of Editor Cox, and sympathetically asks: "Should editors be whipped?" Why of course. We weigh 180 lbs., and have a chip on each shoulder.

WORLDLY WAYS. Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.

How few of the world of which it is in any sense a part. Thousands of people who have the revised Old Testament who have not opened the covers of their King James version for years.

AND NOW THE DEMOCRATS NAME? Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

"Yes," was an honest man, and he was always honestly and sincerely on both sides of every question. He was like a big Newfoundland dog, the nerves of whose head are intimately connected with those at the base of the skull. Never anybody has his head like his tail will.

BUT THE PLUNDER LINE WAS DRAWN LONG AGO.

Wheeling Intelligencer.

It has taken the Advertiser but two months to divide its party on the plunder line. The Democratic "ins" regard the Administration as a success and the long-delayed harbingers of a new era of our glorious free institutions. Those who are kept out regard the Administration as a brazen robbery.

CRAWLING OUT OF THE ILLINOIS HOLE. Washington Post (Dem.).

May not general dissatisfaction at the situation have been a factor in this astonishing election? Is it not possible that the good Democrats in Illinois who never asked themselves the question, "What are we here for except the offices?" and never intended to, are disappointed at the continuance in office of such offensive partisans as are now mixing state politics and Federal office holding in Illinois?

New Publications.

Firetide Travels by James Russell Lowell (Boston Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon). That it is worth a great deal to have a reputation is well illustrated by this book of James Russell Lowell, for he has written by one who had already obtained a hearing it might never have come to the honor of being printed. The larger part of the book is made up from the author's journal, and relates to the common experiences of travel, and had it been printed fifty years ago when books of travel were somewhat of a novelty, would have been interesting, but in our day when everybody travels and writes a journal or writes on or writes of his own or others' experiences it will fail to elicit much interest.

The following taken at random from "A Moosehead Journal" is a fair sample of the book. "We talked of the Winter Camps and the life there. 'The best thing,' said our Uncle 'is to hear a log squeal,' 'the snow. Get a good, cold, frosty morning in February day, and take a' 'pick the critters on a log that'll scale seven thousand' 'it'll squeal as pooty as an' 'thir' you ever hear a tell you.' A pause. 'Lesse,—seen Cal Hutchins lately? No, seems to me's though I hadn't seen Cal since the Roosevelt war. Wahl' etc. etc.' Another pause. 'To look at them boots you'd think they was too large; but kind of got your foot into 'em and they're as easy as a glove.'"

Firetide Travels forms one of the beautiful Riverside Aldine Series, but the publishers are unfortunate in selecting for this material as this and the Luck of Roaring Camp, which are no better than numberless manuscripts lying perdue in the desks of writers who never have had, and never will have the luck to obtain a hearing.

Lives of Greek Statesmen. By Rev. Sir Geo. W. Cox, Bart. (New York: Harper & Brothers; Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham.) The lives here published are those of leading Greek statesmen down to the close of the Persian War. A second volume is to follow relating to the period of the Civil Wars, more especially the wars between Athens and Sparta. The object of the author is to trace the history of Greece from the lives of prominent rulers in the chief Greek cities. The limitation is to be carefully noted, for strictly speaking, there was never a Greek nation. The city was the nucleus of Greek life, manners and patriotism, and in each city, certain men rose to great distinction as in art and literature, so in arms and civil government. There was, however, no line of separation between a military and civil career. The man who had become popular by success in public debates often stood the best chance of obtaining the leadership in war. It was so in the early stages of our civil war, or war of the rebellion, and with the same results. The influence so far as it exists, appears to have been in favor of the Greek leaders. They often became great soldiers. But in our conflict with the rebellious slaveholders we reaped only disaster by promoting to important commands men who had no knowledge of scientific warfare. The times are different. War is not what it was, and is waged on such an immense scale that only men bred to it, principles and laws can safely be trusted with the conduct of a campaign.

Common Sense for Young Men. By J. M. Buckley, LL. D. (New York: Harper & Brothers; Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham.) The author of this book is a sensible man and gives sensible advice to young men, on a great variety of topics relating to their studies, manners, choice of profession or business, habits, health, morals, religion, etc. Nearly all he says on these topics is wisely and well said. It is therefore, a good book to put into the hands of young men, a suitable present for birthday and to give on a quitting home, or better still while at home, where he can read and digest its prudent counsels. The only doubtful thing about this volume is the double title which makes the title page and is adapted to make a wrong and misleading impression. "Oats or Wild Oats," the alternate title suggests the idea that the book is sensational, aimed at arousing pictures of vice and immorality. Happily the fact is otherwise. Common sense applied to life in all its phases is the leading characteristic of the work, so a word of sufficient title.

The Crest of the Continent. By Ernest Ingersoll. (Chicago: R. R. Donnelley & Sons.) Mr. Ingersoll's volume is gay with bright colors, and has, in fact, on its covers the fauna, the flora and a good deal of the scenery of the Rocky Mountains, as well as some tolerably fair specimens of Indian pottery and weapons. As far as the ornate is concerned we ought to feel that we have a great deal for our money. But after all the Crest of the Continent is an interesting volume and contains much useful information, together with a bright and amusing way of putting things. Mr. Ingersoll and his party "went to the Rockies and beyond," and he makes the account of the expedition so attractive that many may be tempted by it to do likewise. The type is too fine for any but very strong eyes, but the book has illustrations on almost every page—and very good ones—and contains an excellent map of Colorado and the adjacent country.

Fruit Culture. By W. C. Strong. (Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.) This book is full of valuable suggestions on the culture of fruit; and a careful perusal might save the amateur gardener many mistakes, which in point of time emphatically cannot be afforded if he wishes to sit beneath his own vine, and eat the fruit of his own labor. A well-chosen list of plants is given, which, without waste, supply a continual rich dessert for six months of the year. This list will be able to swallow many more such issues from the spirit of civil service reform as this circular. Sooner or later the administration must either itself throw off the hypocritical mask it is now wearing or suffer it to be torn off. It cannot serve the Democrats and Mugwumps—the spoilsman and the civil service reformer—at the same time.

insect inimical to each kind. We cordially recommend the book to those who are interested in horticulture.

Goose-Quill Papers. By Louise Imogen Guiney. (Boston: Roberts Brothers; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.) Miss Guiney is a young writer not altogether unknown to fame, as her previous volume entitled Songs at the Start was received by the literary world with a great degree of praise and interest. A volume of essays is a much more daring venture than a collection of verses, however. Indeed such work seems to need the wisdom of experience, as well as natural talent or genius. In an essay one does not miss an scene of the novel or play or poem, but one expects "solid chunks of wisdom" arranged in attractive and forcible form. Miss Guiney is young and inexperienced, but she has the grace and brightness and culture, and a considerable knowledge of the circumstances her little volume is made up of. How anyone could do better "At the Start" it is difficult to see, and that certainly is saying a great deal.

Faith and Other Cures. By Prof. L. T. Towneend. (Boston: Wildes & Co.; Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham.) The author claims to have made a careful study of Faith and Other Cures, which he discusses by the light of what he calls "Christian Science." It is a well meant performance, but of no use to people who have sense enough to know that the laws of health are imperative, and that a skillful physician will furnish the surest aid when these laws have been violated, with the usual consequences of derangement and disease. The world abounds in pretenders and quacks. It always has, and will, while there are so many silly women and foolish men anxious to part with their money to people who make great pretensions to having found "a royal road" in the healing art. The reason why we cannot commend this volume is that it is calculated to give notoriety to quacks and quackery.

Tales From Many Sources. (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.) The publishers announce this to be the initial volume of a series to be issued forthrightly, comprising stories selected from the principal English magazines. The present volume contains six stories of varied character and treatment, by Thomas Hardy, W. E. Norris, F. Anstey, R. L. Stevenson, Julian Sturgis, and an anonymous story from Blackwood's Magazine. "The binding is plain, but attractive, the paper good and type clear and large. With the constantly growing demand for good short stories, this series will no doubt prove to be very popular."

The Man Without a Country and Other Tales. By Edward E. Hale. (Boston: Roberts Brothers; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.) Among the many volumes of short stories now being issued we are glad to see reprints in cheap editions of old favorites. This collection contains eleven of Mr. Hale's earlier stories, the latest, The Skeleton in the Closet, having been first published in 1896, and the earliest, The South American Editor, in 1842. The others are usually characterized by Mr. Hale's peculiar genius—simple in narrative, minute in detail, amusing and fascinating stories.

Pulpit and Esau. By Mary B. Sleight. (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.; Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham.) Pulpit and Esau is a pretty and attractive story with a strong religious tendency. It is not at all a "goody, goody" novel, but a fresh and sweet history of some interesting young lives; and is to be recommended as wholesome and pleasant reading for boys and girls or men and women. It is thoroughly well written, and its spirit and teachings are admirable.

Books Received.

TALES FROM MANY SOURCES. Vol. 11. Cloth. 271 pp. 75 cts. (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

PURPLE AND EAST. By Mary B. Sleight. Cloth. 301 pp. \$1.25. (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.; Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham.)

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